

Application No. 10/672,231
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REMARKS

The Notice of Allowability issued in this case on February 25, 2005, indicates that all pending claims, i.e., claims 1-32, have been allowed. By this Amendment, dependent claims 10 and 18 are amended to correct an inadvertent informality in the form of these claims. Particularly, each of the claim amendments presented herein adds the transitional recitation "further comprising" to introduce an additional element plainly recited in the body of the dependent claim. Applicant respectfully submits that such amendments neither add new matter nor affect claim scope. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Rule 312 Amendment prior to issuance.

Additionally, as noted above, the hereinabove listing of claims also includes the changes to claims 10, 18, and 32 as specified by the Examiner's Amendment attached to the Notice of Allowability. Because Applicant agrees with the changes specified by the Examiner's Amendment, Applicant considers those changes as having been entered, and such changes are thus not shown by way of markings in the above claims listing.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's consideration of this Rule 312 Amendment. In the event that a telephone conference would facilitate consideration of this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

AUTHORIZATION

Applicant believes no fee nor extension of time is required for filing this Rule 312 Amendment. The Commissioner, however, is hereby authorized to charge any fees (including

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time extension fees) that may be required for this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit

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Respectfully submitted,

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